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SUBJ: PALESTINIAN PHASE OF MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS

1. AS YOU MOVE INTO FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE "PALESTINIAN PHASE" OF THE MIDEAST SETTLEMENT, I EARNESTLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER CONSULTING AT SOME POINT OR POINTS WITH THE KUWAITIS. WHILE KUWAITIS HAVE PENCHANT AT TIMES FOR MAKING UNHELPFUL STATEMENTS ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING MIDEAST, AND THEIR AID TO PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAS SOMETIMES FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE WRONG HANDS, THEY NEVERTHELESS HAVE PLAYED UNIQUE ROLE IN PALESTINIAN HISTORY OF PAST DECADE OR SO. THEY HAVE PROBABLY DONE MORE FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES THAN ANY OTHER ARAB STATE, INCLUDING PROVIDING JOBS AND HOMES FOR 287,000 OF THEM BY LATEST COUNT. MANY KEY PALESTINIAN FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ARE LOCATED IN KUWAIT AND MANY OWE A GREAT DEAL TO KUWAIT.

2. I AM CERTAIN KUWAITIS WOULD EAGERLY WELCOME INDICATION OF INTEREST ON YOUR PART IN CONSULTING WITH THEM ON PALESTINIANS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM. ASIDE FROM WHETHER OR NOT THEIR IDEAS WERE OF ANY VALUE TO YOU, YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM WOULD HAVE MAJOR SIDE EFFECT OF LEVERING GENERAL GOK PUBLIC STANCE CLOSER TO OURS ON WHOLE MIDEAST QUESTION AND POSSIBLY, FOR A TIME

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AT LEAST, EVEN ON OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO US WHERE WE COULD

USE KUWAITI SUPPORT.
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